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Ninth session
New York, 30 May-2 June 1995

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA, INCLUDING LIST OF DOCUMENTS

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11. Adoption of the report of the High-level Committee on its ninth session.

Annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

2. Election of the President of the session

Rule 10 of the rules of procedure provides for the election by the Committee of the President at the beginning of the session. Rule 40 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.

3. Election of officers other than President

Rule 10 of the rules of procedure of the Committee provides that, in addition to the President, the Committee shall elect three vice-presidents and a rapporteur, and rule 40 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.

4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda approved at its eighth session, together with the item on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries, included in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/96 of 19 December 1994.

The Committee may further wish to decide on its organization of work on the basis of suggestions by the secretariat.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda, including list of documents (TCDC/9/L.1)

Organization of work (TCDC/9/L.2)

Status of pre-session documents (TCDC/9/1)

5. Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the decisions of the High-level Committee and implementation of the recommendations of the South Commission.

In accordance with recommendations 37 (a), (b), and (c) of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134, and with Committee decision 8/1 (paras. 3 and 7), the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will submit to the Committee a report on the progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action as well as by the recommendations of the South Commission. The report, prepared by the Special

Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries provides, on the basis of the biennial progress reports submitted by the organizations of the United Nations development system, an assessment of their initiatives to integrate and promote decision 8/1 (para. 7), based on the responses of some Governments of both developed and developing countries and intergovernmental organizations on their activities in support for and promotion of technical cooperation among developing countries. This single report is in response to paragraph 10 of Committee decision 7/5 concerning the submission of a single document to the High-level Committee at future sessions containing an analysis of the information provided by Governments and organizations with conclusions and recommendations as appropriate.

Documentation

Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I)

Report of the Administrator on progress made in the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, including action on recommendations of the South Commission and information from Governments and intergovernmental organizations on their activities in technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC/9/2)

6. New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries

The General Assembly, in paragraph 2 of its resolution 49/96, requested the High-level Committee to include in its agenda an item entitled "New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries". In response, the Special Unit has prepared a report which contains a number of recommendations designed to promote and implement a more strategic approach to technical cooperation among developing countries in an effort to make it a dynamic instrument in support of development in the context of the changing realities of multilateral development cooperation. This report also details the progress in the implementation of the strategy for technical cooperation among developing countries in accordance with Committee decision 8/2.

Documentation

Report of the Administrator on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC/9/3)

7. Consideration of reports of the Bureau of the High-level Committee and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Responding to paragraph 2 of Committee decision 8/1, the Bureau of the High-level Committee will submit a report on the timing of future meetings of the Committee which would take account of the reporting requirements in respect of progress reports prepared by organizations and agencies of the United Nations system. In pursuance of paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of that decision, another report

is submitted on the application of the guidelines and recommendations for the review of policies and procedures in the United Nations development system covering technical cooperation among developing countries. In response to paragraph 3 of section II of decision 8/2, the Administrator has prepared a report on the status of staffing of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries in relation to its mandated functions. The Committee will also consider relevant organizational and supportive arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries, such as administrative, legal, information and financial matters.

Documentation

Report on the timing of future meetings of the High-level Committee (TCDC/9/4, sect. I)

Report on the implementation of the guidelines for the review of policies and procedures by the United Nations development system concerning technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC/9/4, sect. II)

Report on organizational and supportive arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries (such as administrative, legal, information and financial) (TCDC/9/4, sect. III)

8. Adoption of the report of the Working Group

9. Provisional agenda for the tenth session of the High-level Committee

10. Other matters

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Annex

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE AT ITS NINTH SESSION

TCDC/9/L.1 Provisional annotated agenda, including list of documents

TCDC/9/L.2 Organization of work

TCDC/9/1 Status of pre-session documents

TCDC/9/2 Report of the Administrator on progress made in the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, including action on recommendations of the South Commission and information from Governments and intergovernmental organizations on their activities in technical cooperation among developing countries.

TCDC/9/3 Report of the Administrator on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries

TCDC/9/4 Reports of the Bureau of the High-level Committee and the Administrator of UNDP:

I. Timing of future sessions of the High-level Committee;

II. Implementation of the guidelines for the review of policies and procedures by the United Nations development system concerning technical cooperation among developing countries;

III. Organizational and supportive arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries (such as administrative, legal, information and financial)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Administrator

1. By its resolution 49/96 of 19 December 1994, the General Assembly requested the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, at its ninth session from 30 May to 2 June 1995, to include in its agenda an item entitled "New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries." On the basis of its consideration of the report prepared on the subject by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the High-level Committee is expected to adopt appropriate policy decisions.

2. By its resolution 48/172 of 21 December 1993, the General Assembly endorsed the report of the High-level Committee on its eighth session, 1/ including the recommendations and decisions contained therein, and reaffirmed its endorsement of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 2/ and the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries.

3. By its decision 38/441 of 19 December 1983, the General Assembly took note of the report of the High-level Committee on the work of its third session 3/ and thereby of the following arrangements for the fourth and subsequent sessions, as outlined in paragraph 81 of the report:

(a) The session will be scheduled for a duration of up to one week prior to the annual session of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board, on the understanding that, after translation of the draft report and any draft decisions, a further meeting of the Committee will then be scheduled during the following week, if necessary to adopt the report. In conformity with the arrangements set out above, the general debate will be conducted in plenary meetings from 30 May to 1 June 1995;

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(b) Based on the views and suggestions expressed during the general debate, the Working Group will then meet, as of the third working day of the session, to elaborate draft decisions and recommendations. Thus, two simultaneous meetings are required for only one day during the Committee's session.

4. The annex to the present note contains a tentative programme of work for the session. The Committee may wish to decide that, once the list of speakers for the plenary meetings on 30 May and 1 June is exhausted, and if sufficient meeting time remains, the Working Group would be convened immediately thereafter, thereby ensuring full utilization of the available conference services.

5. All meetings will be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In view of the limited time and services at the Committee's disposal, it will be important that all meetings start promptly at the scheduled time. In an effort to make the best use of all services, and in line with the practice of the General Assembly and other bodies, it is also suggested that for the current session the Committee waive the relevant part of rule 16 of its rules of procedure (TCDC/2/Rev.1), which stipulates that the President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the States participating are present.

6. To plan for the efficient conduct of the three-day general debate on items 5, 6 and 7 of the provisional agenda (TCDC/9/L.1), it is proposed that a list of speakers be opened at UNDP headquarters, Division of External Relations (telephone 906-5744) on Wednesday, 10 May 1995, and closed at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 May 1995. Following past practice as endorsed by the General Assembly, statements in the general debate will be limited to no more than 15 minutes for representatives of States and 10 minutes for other participants. In order to save time, several States or groups of States sharing common positions may also wish to consider presenting joint statements. Delegations wishing to have their statements circulated to all participants are requested to provide 300 copies to the secretariat, which will arrange for their circulation in the language or languages received.

7. Rule 10 of the Committee's rules of procedure stipulates that its officers are the President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The Working Group may wish to follow the practice of previous sessions whereby the Vice-President presiding over the Working Group would serve as its Chairman-cum-Rapporteur. Based on previous practice and taking into account General Assembly decision 33/417 of 14 December 1978 on the organization of the work of United Nations bodies, it is urged that the regional groups start consultations on the nomination of candidates to fill these elective posts well in advance of the session with a view to agreeing on a slate of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled, thus allowing all offices of the Committee to be elected by acclamation and dispensing with the requirement for secret balloting.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/48/39).

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/38/39).

Annex

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK

	TUESDAY 30 May 1995		WEDNESDAY 31 May 1995		THURSDAY 1 June 1995		FRIDAY 2 June 1995		THURSDAY 8 June 1995	
	a.m.	p.m.*	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Plenary meetings	Opening of the session (1) Organizational matters (2), (3) and (4) General debate and review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of the High-level Committee and the implementation of the South Commission report (5) New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries (6) Consideration of the reports by the Bureau and the Administrator (7)	Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued)	Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued)	Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued)	Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued)					Adoption of report of the Working Group (8) Provisional agenda for the 1997 session of the High-level Committee (9) Other matters (10) Adoption of the report of the High-level Committee (11)
Working group					Election of Rapporteur; Organization of work; Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the decisions of the High-level Committee and the implementation of the South Commission report (5) New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries (6)	Items (5) and (6) (continued) Consideration of reports by the Bureau and the Administrator (7) Draft decision		Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued) Draft decision		

Note: The meeting of the High-level Committee scheduled for 8 June 1995 for the adoption of the report of the Committee is provisional. Depending on the progress of work in the Committee and the work programme of the 1995 session of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board, the date could be changed and a new date announced in the Journal of the United Nations.

* The 1995 Paul Hoffman lecture on the subject "Social conscience of a liberalizing economy" will be delivered by Manmohan Singh, Minister of Finance of India, on Tuesday 30 May 1995 at 5 p.m.